A CLUB RECEIVES ITS FRIENDS-VARIOUS

ENTERTAINMENTS. Though a trifle late the record of the week not unhaturally begins with some slight reference at least to the observance of Washington's Dirthday, which ding. The Rev. R. G. Woodbridge made a pleasant ada week ago to-day and continued during two in many of the churches of Harlem on Sunday dreds of friends of the couple, and many were present days. In many of the churches of Harlem on Sunday s appropriate to the occasion were preached, or some notice at least taken of the anniversary. At the Mr. and Mrs. Allendorph, assisted in receiv-Pilgrim Church in the evening the Rev. Dr. Virgin guests. Among those invited were Judge and Mrs. Hall, Judge and Mrs. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris, Mr. Washington as the type of man needed now in public and Mrs. T. S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hevenou

were held in honor of Washington The members of the Misses Devoe, Captain and Mrs. Samuel Samuel took part in the services. The pastor of the church, the Rev. John L. Campbell, spoke upon "Our Departed Heroes." making special reference to Major-General Mr. and Mrs. H. P. De Graaf, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gillespi-Jesse C. Reno. His address was applanded. There Mr. and Mrs. I. Harweg, Mr. and Mrs. E. Leayeraf

were a number of old battle flags displayed.

On Monday the uptown streets and avenues were crowded with holiday-makers, and it seemed as if all Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Griman, Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. New-York had set its face northward for the day. Such a concourse of vehicles and turnouts tends to strengthen the opposition to having any of Harlem's beautiful driveways disfigured and spoiled by street-car.

Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Griman, Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Sampson, the Rev. and Mrs. Mandeville and families the Rev. and Mrs. Westerfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Sampson, the Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Sampson, the Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Sampson, the Rev. and Mrs. C. Sampson, the Rev. a

One of the clubs in Harlem which made special effort to commemorate the birth of Washington was the Lexington Democratic Club. Its pleasant clubhouse, at Madison ave. and One-hundred and twenty-third-st., was well filled on Monday evening. Patriotic addresses were made by President Carvalho, James Loucheim, chairman of the entertainment committee; Felix Jellenick and James D. McClelland. Music was furnished by Robert N. Schroeder and Alfred M. A.

On Tuesday evening the Washington Heights Re-publican Club opened its house at Amsterdam-ave, and One-hundred-and-fifty-second-st. to a hundred or more of its friends, both men and women, and celebrated the of its friends, both men and women, and celebrated the natal day of the Father of his Country by a reception and dancing, and the enjoyment of an excellent musical programme. Some of the guests present were Major and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. and Mrs. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Coxe, Mr. and Mrs. Costigan, the Misses Costigan, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, the Misses Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert. The president of the club is Michael Kerwin.

On Wednesday evening the Ladies' Dorcas Society of the Lenox Avenue Union Church gave a Martha Washington tea in Arthur Hall. A large number of those present were the costume of the Washington period.

After an informal musical and literary entertainment refreshments were served by young women attired in the Continental dress.

Among the many noteworthy observances of Lent are the Sunday evening fectures on Church history given each Sunday evening at St. Andrew's Church by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Van De Water. The church crowded upon each occasi-

To night the Rev. Dr. Virgin, of Pilgrim Church, is to give the first of a series of sermons on the timely heme of "Problems of City Life."

The Catholic priests of Harlem are not behind their wethren in other parts of the city in protesting against bethren in other parts of the city in protesting against the passage of the Stadler Wine bill. The subject is \$1 considerable local importance, as the passage of the bill would permit the all-night selling of liquors at the many summer gardens and parks which fringe the Harlom district on both the east and west sides.

The women of the Moses Monteflore congregation are making active preparations for their fair, which is to rch 9 to March 16 in Harlem Opera House Hall. The fair promises to be one of the largest iver held in Harlem. The principal officers of the fair ire I. Osorio, Mrs. I. Mann, Miss Martha Resenzweig and Miss Malvina Newman. Among the valuable gifts thready received are a \$500 upright plane and a \$250 patler safe. Concerts will be given every evening turing the fair, in which the Hebrew Orphan Asylum Band, Our Own Gloe Club and the Mozart Philharme iociety will take part. The synagogue of the congre-lation is at No. 160 East One-hundred-and-twelfth-st. Rossini's "Stabat Mater" will be the authem at Holy

Prinity Church this evening. The next regular meeting of the Executive Com

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committed of the Rapid Transit League will be held tomotrew night. Air. Burford has appointed a committee on rules. Joseph J. Casey is chalrman.

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Library, which now may be regarded as an assured inmitted on, was held at the Harlem Democratic Clubmouse Thursday night. Ezra A. Thitte presided and
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mouse that there were eighty-one shareholders who
had subscribed for 250 shares of stock at \$25 a share,
haking the amount already subscribed nearly double
what it was proposed to raise at the outset. Thomas
Alieson, Simon Sterne, Daniel P. Hays, Charles W.
Miegeway and Vernon M. Davis were appointed a
formittee to draft articles of incorporation, a constiation and by-laws. A committee to secure a site is
tet to be appointed, and the subscription committee
is continued.

IN THE ANNEXED DISTRICT.

TO OPEN THE EAGLE AVENUE SCHOOL-THE TUNNEL BILL.

The Eagle ave. public school is, after delays unaccountable on any ground suggested by the public good. to be opened to morrow. It is one of the largest school buildings in the country. Both primary and grammar departments will be opened. The heating apparatus has been in operation for several weeks, and inspectors say that the walls are thoroughly the inspectors say that the waits are thoroughly fried. The building is well equipped with all appli-ances. The principal of the new school is Evander Childs, and the teachers are Ernest Merington, Joseph Gill, Jr., Henry G. Schneider, Anna E. Rodney, Mary I. Cotton, Frances E. Morris, Seraphina Monaghan, Daisy Sanial, Mary C. Hantington, Catherine Helion, Minnie H. Ingham, M. Elsie Murphy, Mabel C. Stod-dard and Alice Miller. With the opening of the new school a portion of the Twenty-third Ward will be supplied with school accommodations sufficient for the present needs of the residents, but the work of replacing some of the old buildings in other parts of the placing some of the place of th lation of the two wards will be provided for.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Allenforph, of Morrisania, was celebrated on Tuesday even-ing by a well-attended reception at their home at Franklin ave. and One hundred-and-sixty-seventh-st. The couple were married in New-York City and have

years old and his wife is younger. They are both in The home of the elderly couple was handsomely decorated with flowers and the table service, the many ornamental articles and the presents of the guests and other friends were of the ding. The Rev. R. G. Woodbridge made a pleasant ad-

the Rev. and Mrs. Woodbridge, Mr. and Mrs. James The Lexington Avenue Eaptist Church, One-hundred- Parshall, S. P. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. George Black, Mrs. and eleventh-st, and lexington-ave., was filled to over-flowing on the same evening, when memorial services and Mrs. W. Allendorph, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Devoe flowing on the same evening, when memorial services Reno Post, G. A. R., and Reno Camp, Sons of Veterans.

ex-Park Commissioner and Mrs. Somers, of Erooklyn.

Mrs. and Mrs. P. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. John E. Comfort, Miss Mattle E. Randall, Miss Mary Adams Mr. and Mrs. I. Harweg, Mr. and Mrs. E. Leayeraft Mr. and Mrs. J. Sypher, ex-Senator and Mrs. William Cauldwell, Miss Nettle Cauldwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mrs. Bathgate, Mr. and Mrs. McGibbon, Mr. and Mrs Lauderbach, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs.

health.

The Harlem Tunnel bill has again been introduced in the Assembly and the advocates of Harlem River improvements think that its adoption will do away with many of the difficulties in the way of pre paring the river for ship commerce. A lofty bridge would, they think, cause the closing of too many thoroughfares, while low bridges interfere with The recent experiences with railroad traile in tunnels do not tend to make the plan of buildframe in tunnels do not tend to make the pleu of build-ing an additional tunnel popular, but its advocates say that it is the only practicable solution of the diffi-culties in reconciling the necessity of easy access to the city, without interfering with the needs of the growing commerce of the lower Harlem. The bill met some favor when it was introduced last year, but still has many opponents, and its passage is by no means certain.

W. H. Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Charles White.

The Fordham Club's annual dinner called together about seventy-five members of the club and invited guests. The president, W. B. Ellison, precided, and among the speakers were Professor Dandon, J. A. Goulden, Street Commissioner Heintz, J. Thomas-Stearns, Samuel E. Duffey, Alderman Lynch, Joseph Marvin, R. D. Hamilton and Edwin Bedell. The Suburban Club's "stag party" was informal and jolly. The Powhatan Club members will be entertained at their meeting on Thursday next by exhibitions of boxing and fencing, and by lively music. Messrs. Jemens, Dean, Pickard, O'Nelli, Engelman and schmider have charge of the arrangements. The neeting witnessed a performance of a comedy, "The Cough Diamond," by members of the club.

Washington's Birthday was the occasion of which

Rough Diamond," by members of the clab.

Washington's Birthday was the occasion of which many social clubs took advantage in setting the dates of the entertainments prepared for their friends. The concert of the Euterpe Choral Society at the Lenox Lycenn on Monday evening was an incident of more than suburban interest. The Patriotle Order Sons of America, assisted in the preparations for the concert. The masquerade balls of the Harmonie Sincing Society of Morrisania and the Arion Liedertafei of Melrose on Saturday evening were well attended. A successful concert was given at Kingsbridge on Saturday evening, arranged by the members of "Out Drum Corps," of Grammar School No. 66. J. Williams Macy recited, and the New York Madrigal Boysunder the direction of Thomas Macu, gave solos and choruses. The ladles of the Union Reformed Church, High Bridge, arranged a Martha Washington party, which gave pleasure to those gathered at the chapel of the church of Tuesday evening.

BROOKLYN PLAYHOUSES. After a return engagement at the Park Theatre, " Dr Bill' will be presented to Eastern District theatro-goers at the Lee Avenue Academy this week. All the J. B. Polk, Miss Isabelle Evesson, Miss Estelle Clayton J. W. Jennings, Mrs. Louisa Eldridge and their asso riates, including Miss Louise Allen, who performs the "kangaroo dance." "Barbara." a one act comedy by erome K. Jerome, will precede "Dr. Bill."

"Mr. Barnes of New-York," recently seen in the

Eastern District, will be played at the Park Theatre this week by Frank Sanger's company, with the scenery of the original Broadway Theatre representation. In the cast will be James Neill, Miss Effic Germon, Sher-idan Elock, Miss Emma Field, Hugo Teland, Miss Annie Blancke and others.

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At the Amphion Academy this week Richard Goldon and Miss Dora Wiley will appear in "Old Jed Prouty." a presentation of quaint "Down-East" life at Buckport, Me. The music of the piece will be rendered by the "Sweet Singer of Maine," and a special waitz song will be given.

THEY OBJECT TO THE CONTRACT.

The work on the Harlem Republican Clab's new fouse is advancing rapidly and satisfactorily. The process of the old part of the building has been brought out flush with the defendant in the comming summer evenings.

Edwin T. Rice, expresident of the Harlem Club, was entertained at dinner on Friday night by some will doubtless be much resorted to in the weak entertained at dinner on Friday night by some was entertained at dinner on Friday night by some being served in the handsome club-house in Lenox-being served in the defendants, which was worth \$50,000, and had mortgages due in two affid a half years. Brown would not negotiate unless the plaintiffs signed a conditional agreement to make the exchange if everything was satisfactory. They did this, but allege that they were induced by false representations to sign an agreement that bound them The Rev. Samuel McBride, pastor of the Centennial Baptist Church, and Robert P. McBride, his brother, representations to sign an agreement that bound them to complete the contract on February 28. They say the value of the city property was meatly exaggerated and that it bere mortgages for \$36,000, two thirds of which is everdue. Brown controlled the mortgage and could foreclose them at will. The plaintiffs ask that the contracts be set aside.

WANTS DAMAGES FOR THE LOSS OF HIS DAUGH-TER.

Julius Scharman, twenty-six years old, of No. 101 Floy it., is the defendant in a suit brought by Louis Othey, a cooper, of No. 34 Marcy-ave., to recover \$10,000 damages for the loss of the services of his daughter, Elizabeth. It is alleged that the defendant became engaged to the girl, and induced her to run away with him, and that in October, 1800, she died. leaving a child of which he is said to be the father. Chief Judge Clement, of the City Court, granted an order for Scharman's arrest, and he was admitted to ball yesterday morning. He denies the allegations made against him.

WHY HE KILLED HIMSELF.

John Fowkes, the silk-bandage knitter, of No. 907 Hancock-st., who committed sulcide by cutting hi throat on Friday night, will be buried this afternoon. He was thirty-four years old and was well to His wife left him some time ago and he could not induce her to return. He was at work on Friday night and appeared despondent. When Mr. spicer, a friend, came by and tapped on the window Fowkes rarned pale and rushed into the kitchen where he exclaimed: Here goes for death. Good-by, old woman." An Fire couple were married in New Fora Cry and mays alved north of the Harlem River for thirty-eight years. Phree of those who were present at the wedding fifty pears ago attended the reception. Mr. Allendorph is

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AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

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WORK AT THE NAVY YARD

THE VESUVIUS'S BROKEN NOSE.

MAKING A REAL WARSHIP OF THE MAINE-THE DRY-DOCK IN PUGET SOUND.

Notwithstanding the departure from the Navy Yard, a few weeks ago, of the vessels composing the North Atlantic Squadron and the Squadron of Evolution, and also of the sloop-of-war Yantie and the little torpedo-boat Cushing, there is still much of interest in the yard in the completing of the eruiser Maine, the building of the unlaunched cruiser Cincinnati, and the work on the various other ships. There are now only two commissioned war vessels in the Navy Yard, but the old receiving ship Vermont and the several vessels upon which work is done, and the others which are relegated to "Rotten Row," add to the number of eraft there. These two commissi vessels are the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius and the new cruiser Concord. The Vesuvius lies in the granite drydock, where she has been about three weeks. The work of scratching her bottom has been begun, and a visitor may see the workmen patiently tapping the bottom of the vessel with ron tools, in order to get off the old point and the cement which is under that. After the scraping the bottom is to be painted.

the Vesuvius when a coal barge came in collision with her in the North River a few months ago is being repaired. When the vessel was put into the drydock some of the bow plates were the stem broke. To repair this a new piece is to be inserted above the break, and scarfed in with the old piece. The bent plates are to be relled into shape, and then put back and riveted appearance as she lies in the drydock, with her be only a short time before the vessel will be

The Maine is of much interest, and also of red hulk, with the interior only partially built, but from which she was munched last fall.

The double-turreted monitor Miantonomah George W. Magee, Passed Assistant-Engineers William S. Moore and F. C. Bier, Paymaster J. Q. Barton and Surgeon James M. Flint.

The Destroyer, the invention on, has been taken from the yard to Simpson's dry-dock. The vessel is there to be fitted with a sixteen-inch submarine gun. The gun is thirtyfive feet in length and carries a projectile twent;

five feet long, with a range of about 960 feet. The new timber dry-dock provided for in the Naval Appropriation bill, to be built on Paget Sound, is to be like the one at the New-York Navy Yard, except that it is to be 100 feet longer. It is to be 600 feet long, 50 feet wide and capable of docking vessels drawing thirty feet of water, and the cost is not to exceed \$700,000. The site is to be at Port Orchard, and tract of 200 acres is to be purchased for \$25,000. It will be by far the largest dry-dock in the United States and one of the largest in the world. This provision in the Appropriation bill led to one of the most spicy debutes of the session in the Senate, although the idea dates back to 1888, when, in accordance with a previous act of Hongress, the President apselect a site for a Navy Yard on the Pacific Coast north of California. The commission reported in favor of Port Orehard. But in 1890 Congress changed its mind about the necessity of a Navy Yard, and the President appointed another comniscion to select a site for a dry-dock. This com mission was a mixed one of officers of the Army and Navy and two civilians, and after an exhaustive examination of all available sites they unanimously selected the same point, which had fulfilled all the requirements for a Navy Yard, in the opinion of the members of the first commis-

The latter commission naturally concluded that repair shops, storehouses and a dwelling or two would be necessary concomitants of a drydock, when some of the Schators, not recognizing the difference between a naval station and a navy the difference between a naval station and a navy yard, raised a reef-topsail breeze in their denunciations of the members of the second commission, but the members of the Naval Committee convinced the majority. No drydock now exists in the Northwest except the English dock at Esquimault, and the total ocean tonnage of Pugger Sound is about four millions of tons, and is constantly increasing. The Naval Committee realized that it was the duty of the Government to assist the rapid development of this promising section, a section that has an unlimited supply of coal and timber, an enormous grantity of iron ore of all grades, a favorable climate, and is the central site between San Francisco and Alaska. The Yantic returned to the harbor on Thursday night to obtain coal, when she will resume her cruise to destroy the wrecks along the coast. The vessel was ordered on February 10 to cruise along the coast from Sandy Hook to Charleston, and to destroy, as far as practicable, all abandoned wricks dangerous to navigation. The Hydrographic Bureau furnished to Captain Rockwell the following list of wrecks: Sanken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also a sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also a sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also a sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also a sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also a sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also as sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also as sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also as sunken wreck with three masts above water fourteen and a half miles weat of Absecom Light, also as sunken wreck with three masts above master above yard, raised a reef-topsail breeze in their denuncia three pole masts above water about six miles further out; a sunken wreck near Five Fathom Bank lightship, the sunken schooner Minnie and Gussie, thirteen miles to the northward of Cape Henlopen light, a large sunken wreck off Fenwiek Island lightship, a sunken wreck in Wachapragne Inlet, another off Winter Quarter Shoal lightship, another eight miles to the westward of Frying Pan Shoal lightship, the sunken schooners Dudley Farein and Mollie J. Saunders, off Bodie Island light and the sunken steamers Gleenath and Aberlady Bay, near Cape Lookout light. All of the reported wrecks between Sandy Hook and Fenwiek Island lightship have been destroyed; the schooner Minnie and Gussie was torpadord and destroyed on Monday, and the wreck off Five Fathom Bank was destroyed on Tuesday. Three attempts were made

upon officers and crew, accounts of visits and ceremonies observed at ports where the vessel has stopped, etc. It is published as the prospectus reads, "to give those who do not write fulsome letters to their homes an opportunity to let the absent ones know our whereabouts." Connected with a description of the vessel, it gives this

with a description of the vessel, it gives this sketch of the ship's company:

The crew.—It may be of interest to take a glance at the crew list. The following are the countries of birth: United states, 177; Ireland, 43; Germany, 14; Japan, 13; England, 13; Norway, 10; Sweden, 9; Finland, 8; Deomark, 6; Scotland, 4; Switzerland, 2; Greece, 2; Portugal, 2; Scattering, Spain, Belgium, Nova Scotla, 8t. Thomas, Santa Cruz, West Indies, Newfoundland, Cape de Verde, Malta, China, Italy, Holiand, Selfiv, etc.

The born American strongly predominates, and in a very large number of other cases the person came to this country very early in childhood, although not born here. There is one who was born at sea. Did he get his liking for the sea that early? The following trades and callings are represented: Hostlers, blacksmiths, drivers, steam-fitters, bottmen, tool-dressers, coopers, machinists, brush-makers, electricians, apothecaries, carpenters, barbers, painters, mariners, gasteries, seaters, carpenters, barbers, painters, mariners, gasteries, carpenters, barbers, painters, mariners, gasteries, carpenters, barbers, painters, mariners, gasteries, painters, painters, pa oopers, machinists, brush-makers, electricians, apotheries, carpenters, barbers, painters, mariners, gastters, office boys, clerks, firemen, tinsmiths, hall boys, oller-makers, laborers, brass-finishers, farmers, sall-akers, printers, pinmbers, nurses, tailors, waiters of thirty who have no occupation.

In the marine guard the native American is nearly per cent, as follows: United States, 16; Ireland, 10; aghand, 5; Scotland, 2; Germany, Denmark and anada, each 1.

England, 5: Scotland, 2; Germany, Denmark and Canada, each 1.

The paper also gives a sketch of the minstrel company organized by the crew for "local enjoy-ment." It also gives a list of the jokes of the "mimitable and irrepressible end men." Among these are: "When is a ship happy? When she rests on the bosom of a swell." "What is the latest thing in female dress? Night dresses."

ALGEOGRAPHICAL EXHIBIT.

DISPLAY OF MAPS, GLOBES, RELIEFS, ATLASES AND TEXT BOOKS.

A novel exhibition will be opened this week in the de Building at Fulton and Tillary sts., under th anspices of the Geographical Department of the Brooklyn Institute. It will consist of a display of maps globes, text-books, etc., used in the study and illustra tion of the features and characteristics of the earth surface. More than baif of the second floor into place. At present the Vesuvius has a peculiar building, which extends through the block from Fulton approximate as she lies in the drydock, with her st. to Washington-st., will be occupied by the exhibit nose all torn away and lying open, but it will tion and it will be free to the public, and will remain open for several weeks. Most of the articles to be shown have been presented to the institute, and after the collection has been displayed in New York and other cities it will be placed in the new Museum of Science and Art to be erected under the anspices of the Institute, where it will form a distinctive featur

six months or more, and all the principal European countries will be represented in the display, as well as the chief cities of this country. It will show all forms of geographical appliances used in schools, and 350 maps and pictures representing the progress

take especial most of it. No such collection of geo-particular part of it. No such collection of geo-ical material has ever before been gathered too The work has been carried forward under the dir-of Cruis C. Adams, president of the Departus Geography of the institute, who has decuded much and energy to the subject to make it a complete su

AGAINST POOLEOOMS.

A PROPRIETOR SAYS THAT HE WILL NOT "EVADE THE LAW."

or Police Commissioner Hayden in regard to the penting of a poolroom by "Jack" McAuliffe, the natural effects. the vicinity of the City Hall. Mr. Jenks gave the following opinion:

we the following opinion:

I have received your communication of this date, resting my immediate opinion in the matter of Medide, described in a newspaper clipping from "Thisklyn Eagle." Upon the facts thus presented, of the opinion that you have no ground for present efference. This conclusion follows the decision of General Term of the supreme Court, First Department, recently made in the case of the People against F. Wynn.

The place was opened yesterday and will be car fully watched by the police for any violation of the law. The decision referred to by Mr. Jenks was given Judge Van Brunt in New York. McAnlife said sesterday: "I do not intend to evade any law and do not auticipate p fice interference, for I mean to do ties. everything openly and to comply with the laws, and not sell pools on the premises, but take orders on

There was a conference of police officials yesterday afternoon regarding the matter, and the counsel to the Police Department agreed with Mr. Jenks that the commission business was lawful under the law as at sresent interpreted if no bets were recorded and only mmissions were accepted to bet money at the race

District Ationney Ridgway was consulted in regard to the matter and said that it would be laid before the Grand Jury this week, and if that body found that the Grand Jury this week, and if that body found that the law was violated indictments of the owner of the reports and lessee and proprietor of the place would stound. Police-Captain Campbell, in whose preclint is new poolroom is, said he would have his men carefully watch the place and as soon as the needed evisue was secured it would be closed.

No open poolroom has ever existed in Brooklyn and ac places in which pools were surreptitiously sold a wyears ago were promptly closed up. The projectors of two of them were sent to the Penitentiary.

DEATH OF WILLIAM M. SHIPMAN.

William M. Shipman, ex-Commissioner of Charitles, died at his home, No., 171 Duffield-st., on Friday night Me was born in New York sixty-five years ago, and in 1851 scitled in Brooklyn and was engaged in various business enterprises. He was a feed merchant for many years. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen for the Eleventh Ward in 1874, and in 1879 became one of the Charities Commissioners, and served for one term of four years with Commissioners Henry and Reeves. He was regarded as an independent Democrat. Mr. Shipman was a Mason, and was formerly active in Plymonth Church. Three sons survive him. His death was due to apoptexx, and he had not been in good health since his wife died about four menths ago. The funeral will take place

A MASON'S GIFT TO HIS LODGE. Edward P. Day, the founder and worshipful master

of Day Star Lodge, No. 798, of Free and Accepted Masons, has deeded as a gift to the lodge the property at Third-ave, and Fifty-fourth-st, where their hall stands. It is valued at about \$30,000. Mr. Day an nonneed his gift to the lodge at a meeting on last Wednesday. It was his intention to leave it to the trustees in his will, but he concluded to avoid all possible complications by transferring it now. The lodge will give a dinner to Mr. Day on March 25, in of his generous gift, Members

Monday, and the wreck off Five Fathon Eank was destroyed on Thesday. Three attempts were made to blow up the wreck off Absecom light, but owing to had weather this and the other work had to be deferred until after the storm.

Captain J. N. Miller, executive officer of the Navy Yard, has received a copy of the first number of "The Philadelphia Print," a journal printed on the flagship Philadelphia. It contains many items of interest that have occurred on the vessel, a log of the cruise of the ship, personal items.



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cts.; regular price, \$1.10. 22-inch Black Satin Regence, 89 cts.;

regular price, \$1.10. 23-inch Black Peau de Soie, \$1.23;

regular price, \$1.50. 24-inch Black Drap d'Alma, \$1.45;

regular price, \$1.75. 20-inch Black Faille Française, 98

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A full assortment of Spring Novelties in Cloth Caps.

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Artificial Flowers will be the leading feature for Spring Millinery. Our display is most attractive in variety and Corporation Counsel Jenks was consulted yesterday extent. Paris made goods in all the

OSTRICH FEATHERS.

The demand will be unusually large for small Tips, Pompons and Short Plumes for large Hats. We have full lines of the richest Black and small Colored Tips and Pompons.

MILLINERY NOVELTIES.

New Gold, Jewelled and Cleopatra effects in Millinery effects and novel-

DRESS TRIMMINGS. The Latest Spring Novelties.

Tinsel and Silk Embroideries, all new shades, 75 cts. to \$3.25 per yard. Jewel and Gilt Gimps, newest styles, 98 ets. to \$14.50 per yard.

Colored Silk and Silk and Tinsel Gimps, 25 to 50 cts. per yard.

Anchor and Jet, all Jet and Plain Gimp Collars, \$1.25 to \$5.50 each. Anchor and Jet Gimps, 75 ets. to

\$3.00 per yard. Steel Gimps and all Gold Gimps, 45 cts. to \$3.25 per yard.

WASH GOODS.

A New Assortment

of Scotch Zephyr Ginghams in Lace Stripe Damassai, Polka Dot and Coin Spot effects; also Silk Warp and Silk Stripe Zephyr Ginghams in the very latest designs and colorings.

In the lighter materials, such as etc., many new and exclusive designs are shown.

JACKETS AND CAPES. The Latest Paris Styles

for Spring wear are now being shown. As a special in this department, tomorrow we will offer 157 Ladies' light weight waterproof Travelling Garments at \$8.90 each; regular prices \$15.00 and \$17.50.

PARLOR FURNITURE. A Very Superior Line

of new Parlor Suits and odd pieces in tapestry, brocatelle and rugs. Parlor Suit of 5 pieces, mahogany phrases,

finish, frames covered with and silk plush, \$60.00.

Parlor Suit of 5 pieces, white maple frames, delicately carved and upholstered in silk striped tapestry, \$105.00.

A large overstuffed Parlor Suit, covered with fine brocatelle and silk plush, 5 pieces, \$130.00.

An elegant Parlor Suit of 5 pieces, covered with Axminster rugs and silk plush, and trimmed with heavy double fringe, \$220.00.

Special.—Handsome Parlor Divans, mahogany finish and XVIth century

finish frames, upholstered with tapes-

try and tufted with silk plush backs,

STATIONERY.

\$14.00 each.

300 packages extra heavy Linen Note Paper, 120 sheets, 21 cts. each,

FRAMED PICTURES.

About 50 handsomely framed Pastels, a variety of sizes, \$3.50 each, reduced from \$5.00.



AMONG THE = CLUB-HOUSES

THE CONTEST IN THE UNION LEAGUE.

MR. SACKETT WILL NOT RUN AGAINST MR. WILSON-NEW HOME OF THE LAURENCE.

All reports to the contrary notwithstanding, the present disagreement among the members of the Union League Club over the selection of a president is not a factional quarrel in the Republican party. Men of every kind of affiliation are gathered to the support of Mr. Wilson, and others whose opinions are equally varied were in favor of Mr. Sackett, and now that he refuses to enter the race, are bound together in opposition to Mr. Wilson's re-election. Men like Howard M. Smith, Nelson J. Gates, A. G. Perham and Harlan P. linkey, the most pronounced friends of Mrl Nathan, have been most carnest in getting Mr. Wilson to be a candidate. The opposition started on several grounds. First, there was the feeling among many that there should be rotation in office. Then there were a few who had personal feeling that they had not been recognized by the administration just as they thought they deserved

The liquor question came in next, and those in favor of liquor laid their defeat to Mr. Wilson. These elements all combined against him utterly without his knowledge. His friends say that he was urged by men on all sides to take the office, and that supposing it was the unanimous wish, he agreed the night before the nominations. After the nomination, it is said, he was about to withdraw, feeling that as the nomination had finally been made nearly unanimous, he could do so with honor. Circulars were being drawn up to that effect, when demands were made upon him by persons in the opposition that led him to say he would not retreat under fire, but if he was beaten he would be so otherwise than by threats

Mr. Sackett says he will not run against Mr. Wilson, and never consented to. If Mr. Wilson had not been a candidate in response to what was supposed to be the general wish, Mr. Sackett would probably have had the support of the entire club. A friend of Mr. Sackett said the other day: "I felt that Mr. Wilson had put three years of arduous work in the club, and now that we are in our house it seems to me that if he wanted a fourth year of comparative case and honor he was entitled to it." This feeling is general.

The opposition ticket is as follows: President, Joseph Aspinall: first vice-president, John H. Burtis; second vice-president, Frank Squier; treasarer, Devine M. Munger, recording secretary, Henry D. Hamilton; corresponding secretary, Henry Hosford; Executive Committee, John W. Hussey, Darwin R. James, William W. Heaton, Alfred Hodges, Henry Batterman, John I. Covington: Finance Committee, Wilbur F. Herbert, David S. Wells, Alfred Romer, Henry C. Copeland, Harvey M. Hoyt, Thomas Nash: Membership Committee, Henry J. Howlett, Edgar Heleker, Marion

Grimes, P. Richmond Jacobs. The annual masquerade ball of the Germania Club, on Wednesday night, was a brilliant affair. Nearly 1,000 persons were present. The whole house was elaborately decorated and the costumes of all kinds livened up the house as it had never been before. One of the features of the ball was the prison, into which all who came unmasked or in the conventional evening dress were thrust, and afterward were put on trial. Among those who saw the inside of a cell was Justice Willard Bartlett, and he was made to pay a heavy fine for his liberty. Two young men, members of the club, who dressed as young

women, could hardly be told from the real maidens. The new home of the Laurence Club, at Myrtle and Waverly aves., is decidedly attractive. The

The new home of the Laurence Club, at Myrtle and Waverly aves., is decidedly attractive. The rooms on the upper floors of the block, which has been made out of the old Duryee mansion, have been remodelled so as to make an admirable home for a club. The Laurence formally opened its quarters on last Monday evening. The club, which was formed a little less than four years ago, now that it may be a different kind was opened last week in the same neighborhood. This was the Waverly Young Men's Club. This organization grew out of a movement started in the Washington Avenue Baptist Church to get a place where young men might find all the pleasant teatures of the ordinary club-house without finding with them the use of liquors. The mency for the purpose was furnished largely by Messrs. Morse and Kidder, and on Wednesday evening the house warming took place. The next day the house was thrown open to women. The club now has over 300 members.

The Marine and Field Club has increased its membership limit from 270 to 320.

There is talk of an entire reorganization of the Columbian Club, which has declued not to renew the lease for its present house at Clinton and Joralemon sts., where its home has been for several years. The house is not a particularly attractive one, and the enthusiasm seems to have cozed out of the organization. It is distinctly a Roman Catholic club, but it can hardly be said to include all the elements of society allied to that faith in the different parts of the city. The talk is of changing the name, going somewhere else, and trying to get all the scattered elements interested so as to make a representative club. The subject will be discussed to-morrow evening at a meeting of the club.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Justice Cullen yesterday reserved his decision on the argument on the application of the State Commis-sioners of Lunacy to compel the Superintendent of the Poor of Queens County to send the insane paupers Jaconets, Organdies, Pineapple Cloths, to the State Asylum at Poughkeepste. The objection was that the superintendent had no money to pay for the temoval because the Commissioners required Lim to act before an appropriation for the parpose could be made.

Justice Cullen yesterday denied an application for a writ of mandamus to compel the Bridge trustees to restore William Shay, a veteran,, to his place as a carpenter on the Bridge. Shay says that he is an honorably discharged sailor and was dismissed without any charge or hearing while other carpenters not veterans were retained. The trustees answered that he did not tell them that he was a veteran at the time of his discharge, and his petition for the writ-did not say that he did.

The centennial of the death of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, will be observed by services to-morrow night in the simpson Methodist Episcopal Church.

livered the last of his lectures upon "The Discovery of America" in the private library of Gordon L. Ford, at No. 97 Clark-st., yesterday afternoon. The sub-ject he treated of was" The Conquest of Peru," and he presented many interesting facts in felicitous

John Fiske, the well-known historical writer, de-